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Date: 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Dear George,

**RE: Application by Gatwick Airport Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Gatwick Airport Northern Runway Project**

Thank you for your letter dated 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023, providing Kent County Council (KCC) with the opportunity to confirm whether, in progressing the scheme, the applicant has complied with the following duties:

- Duty to consult – Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – Section 42
- Duty to consult the local community – Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – Section 47
- Duty to publicise – Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – Section 48

In response to your request, KCC has prepared a joint Adequacy of Consultation response with the other nine Gatwick Local Authorities (Crawley Borough Council, Horsham District Council, Mid Sussex District Council, Reigate and Banstead Borough Council, Mole Valley District Council, Tandridge District Council, Surrey County Council, West Sussex County Council, and East Sussex County Council).

KCC has no additional comments to make relating to specific local community issues and so we defer to the detailed comments raised within our joint response, notably that the Local Authorities raise significant concerns about the Applicant's approach to consultation and engagement throughout the pre-application process. Accordingly, we request that the Planning Inspectorate should decline to accept the DCO application to enable more meaningful engagement and consultation with the authorities and local communities affected by the proposals.

If you require any further information or clarification on any matter in this letter, then please do not hesitate to contact me.



Yours sincerely,

**Simon Jones**

Corporate Director – Growth, Environment and Transport